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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Dinner/Auction Set

A benefit pasta dinner/bake sale/silent auction for Kim Whitten, a breast-cancer victim, will be held on Sunday, March 10, at St. Paul Lutheran Church (2550 Edsel Dr., Trenton) from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For tickets (\$8 for adults/\$3 for kids 4–10/free for kids 3 and under), call Pam (734-727-7351).

### K'garten Roundup

Parents of children who were four years old by December 1, 2001, are urged to attend the annual Romulus Community Schools Kindergarten Roundup, to be held at each of the district's elementary schools from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. At that time, parents may choose (on a first-come/first-served basis) to enroll their child in all-day/every-day or half-day/every-day classes.

The following items should be brought to the Roundup program:

- child's birth certificate
- child's immunization records
- three proofs of residency.

All registered students will qualify for the district's Early Literacy Backpack Program and receive a free backpack, free supplies, and free learning activities that will help assure a successful introduction to kindergarten this fall.

For more information, contact your neighborhood elementary:

- Barth: 532-1250
- Cory: 532-1300
- Halecreek: 532-1350
- Merriman: 532-1400
- Romulus: 532-1450
- Wick: 532-1500.

### Other Phone #s

Other new district telephone numbers (for those who have not yet made a note of them) include:

- Administrative Office: 532-1600
- Transportation Office: 532-1650
- High School: 532-1000.
- Middle School: 532-1700
- Adult/Community Ed: 532-1950
- Special Services: 532-1990
- Head Start: 532-1900
- My Friends & Me: 532-1940
- Michigan School Readiness Program: 532-1942. □

## New Midfield Terminal Opens



Festivities celebrating the opening of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's new McNamara Midfield Terminal included a performance by Romulus High School Jazz Band members (from left): front row – Sarah Herbert, Carly Gentile, Jeff Hoffman, Julian Lambert, Brandon Moring, Jasmine Mark, and Curtis Jackson; back row – Matthew Neimann, Richard Amolsch, Daniel Wiecki, Ryan Tackett, and David Boyd. *More photos, pages 6–7.*

Romulus played host to many dignitaries last weekend as U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, a number of Michigan's representatives in the U.S. House, Governor John Engler, and numerous other state and regional officials attended the dedication ceremonies for the \$1.2-billion Edward H. McNamara Midfield Terminal, which is scheduled to open for business on Sunday, February 24.

The Friday noon dedication included a video that showed off many of the features of the new facility, which Northwest Airlines Chairman Richard Anderson touted as the finest in the world today. Other ceremony highlights were speeches from Engler, Wayne County Board of Commissioners Chairman Ricardo Solomon, and County Executive/honoree McNamara; a blessing performed by a large delegation of local clergymen; and an inspirational gospel choir performance that had everybody singing at the program's conclusion.

Afterward, guests were treated to a buffet luncheon and given extensive time to view the new terminal and all its attractions.

One of the most impressive features is the Northwest Airlines World Club. This large area contains several lounges with fireplaces, work areas, entertainment centers, and refreshment areas for the convenience of Club members awaiting flight connections at the Airport.

Although the new shuttle train requires riders to stand, they won't have to do so for long. Guests can expect to arrive at any of the 78 gates along the one-mile Concourse A in eight minutes or less. Escalators and moving walkways are found throughout the facility, and moving walkways also can be found in the new 10-story/11,000-space parking structure.

A 6'x37' directional sign in the center link area displays information on the location of the terminal's gates and recommends the best way to reach them.

An 800' passenger tunnel – which architects call a "non-tunnel" – connects Concourse A to Concourses B and C, and features sculpted art-glass panels and a sound-and-light show. The top of the tunnel is lined with a fabric that, when lit, is supposed to make passengers feel as if they're not traveling underground at all.

Other amenities include upscale shops and restaurants that feature specially designed seats, tables, and bars for visitors' comfort.

Friday's ceremonies concluded with a "Raise the Roof" fund-raising gala that was attended by over 2,000 people and raised \$450,000 for the United Way. Guests at the event were treated to many different varieties of gourmet food, outstanding entertainment, and a brief ceremony which featured Northwest Chairman Anderson and County Exec McNamara. □

## Dingell Drive Dedication Held

On Monday, February 11, area leaders gathered for the dedication of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's new entrance road, John Dingell Drive. The road is named for U.S. House of Representatives member Dingell, who was instrumental in securing federal funds to help complete the Airport's 10-year, \$2-billion development program.

John Dingell Drive will provide a second entry point to Metro Airport from I-275 and Eureka Road, and will connect millions of travelers annually to the new Edward H. McNamara Terminal/Northwest WorldGateway.

"I'm honored and grateful for the recognition," said Dingell. "The recent improvements at Detroit Metro will make it a world-class airport, with the new road giving travelers faster and less congested access to the Airport's state-of-the-art facilities."

"This road is critical to future job creation and economic growth in our area, and that's why I fought for this project," he added.

John Dingell Drive is four miles long and six miles wide. It will link the Airport's existing terminal facilities with the new McNamara Terminal and offer visitors two options for reaching Detroit Metro.

As the road approaches the McNamara Terminal, it evolves into three levels, taking visitors to the main ticket lobby, arriving domestic flights, and international arrivals. Each level is five lanes wide with 1,000 feet of curb-front to facilitate the drop-offs and pick-ups.

John Dingell Drive also gives Metro Airport bragging rights as one of the few airports in the country with major entrance points off either end, from two interstate freeways. Airport officials expect up to 60% of motorists to access the Airport via the Eureka Road exit off of I-275 in the future.

"The new road will greatly reduce traffic congestion on I-94, significantly improve traffic flow, and offer a whole new way of getting to and from our modernized airport," said McNamara. □

## Letters to the Editor

### "Flag Lady" Letters Deemed "Tasteless"

To the Editor:

During the recent Romulus city election, I had intended to write in response to several letters (and flamboyant public appearances) by Julie Drennan-Broilo, who once again has submitted a letter published in the February 8 issue of *The Romulus News*. Regrettably on my part, I never took the time to do so. But I cannot let her recent letter go unanswered.

On September 11, 2001, our nation suffered a tragic attack, now judged equal to, if not worse than, Pearl Harbor. Thousands of our fellow Americans lost their lives in this attack ... an attack engineered by those who despise the freedoms we Americans enjoy. For Drennan-Broilo to use this tragedy to further her candidate during the recent campaign was totally despicable. The issue of freedom of speech has been stretched way beyond any reasonable limits.

To question the patriotism of former Mayor William Oakley is nothing less than obscene. The problem was that, during the campaign period, this honorable man (Oakley) was too decent to respond to such ridiculous theatrics. In her recent letter, Drennan-Broilo's state-

ment that Mayor Oakley was "power surging" only reinforces the political motives of her actions. To use this tragedy and the flag – the symbol that gives her the rights to write such trash – is totally shameful. To my knowledge, there were only two cities in our area that displayed the American flag following this tragedy. Does this mean that all these other city/township officials were unpatriotic, as she claims of former Mayor Oakley? I would think not!

The flag stands for our country. It stands for our freedoms. It stands for our way of life. It is purely a symbol. It then falls upon every American to live and act in a manner that would make the flag proud. The banners recently placed in the downtown area are not flags. They are not even close to being flags. However, as we drive by the area, these banners might remind us that we have responsibilities of respect for all. I do respect the right of Julie Drennan-Broilo to express her feelings and opinions. However, I feel it totally regrettable that it has been done in such a tasteless manner.

Sincerely,  
Barry Baumann □



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**Wick Principal Debbie Juriga  
Receives National NCA Award**

The North Central Association has announced that Wick Elementary School Principal Debbie Juriga is a 2002 recipient of its prestigious John W. Vaughn "Excellence in Education" Award. Kenneth F. Gose, Executive Director of the NCA, congratulated Juriga on her achievement, noting that only seven such awards are given out each year.

As the head of the District Accreditation Team, Juriga led the Romulus Community Schools' highly successful effort to become the first district in Michigan to receive the NCA's coveted Transitions accreditation rating. She has since worked carefully with NCA officials and presented several Transitions workshops to representatives of other school districts in order to help prepare them for the five-year certification process.

Juriga will receive her award at the NCA's annual meeting on Sunday, April 7, at the Chicago Marriott Hotel.

She is thrilled just to have been considered for this high honor.

"Debbie has done an outstanding job as both the district's NCA Coordinator and an assistant to other school districts preparing for the demanding five-year Transitions process," said Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum for Romulus Community Schools. "The entire Romulus educational community is proud of the recognition accorded to Romulus and the school district by Debbie Juriga and her NCA Excellence in Education Award." □

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## RMS Students Raise \$1,000 for Helping Hand with Wagon Sale



These Romulus Middle School students made and sold 50 colorful red wagons, then donated the proceeds (\$1,000) to the Helping Hand Thrift Shop of Romulus.

Again this past Christmas season, students at Romulus Middle School spent a good deal of their after-school time working on their now-famous "little red wagons" project—an annual benefit for the Helping Hand Thrift Shop of Romulus. Altogether, students made 50 wagons and sold them for \$20 each, raising \$1,000 for the less fortunate of their community.

Frank Zarzycki, industrial-technology teacher at the Middle School, is very proud of his students' accomplishments.

"Each year, we set a goal to make 50 of these wagons, and each year, the students are good-hearted enough to stay after school and work on them until we reach our goal," he stated.

"This program is a tribute to Frank Zarzycki because he is able to inspire his students to participate in this wonderful project each year," said RMS Principal Mel Kimbrough. "The students wouldn't follow through with this project unless they respected Zarzycki and the worthwhile goal he establishes for them."

## Community Calendar

- **Events Around Michigan** – For more information on the following events, please call the corresponding phone number or visit the appropriate Web site: **West by Southwest Exhibit** (through March 17; Muskegon Museum of Art – 231-720-2570; [www.muskegonartmuseum.org](http://www.muskegonartmuseum.org)); **Cavafy's World Exhibition** (through May 5; Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor – 734-764-9304; [www.umich.edu/~kelseydb](http://www.umich.edu/~kelseydb)); **Butterflies Are Blooming Exhibit** (March 1–April 30; Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids – 888-957-1580; [www.meijergardens.org](http://www.meijergardens.org)); **Port Huron Camper & RV Show** (McMorran Place – 810-752-6381; [www.marvac.org](http://www.marvac.org)); **Celticfest** (March 9–17; Irish American Club, Port Huron – 810-982-5487; [www.theirishamericanclub.com](http://www.theirishamericanclub.com)).
- **Last-minute Little League Sign-up** – Romulus Little League will hold its final registration programs for baseball and softball on Friday, February 22, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, a child's parent or guardian *must* bring an *original* birth certificate (copies will not be accepted), proof of residency, and a registration fee of \$35 per child/\$50 per family. (Note: An additional \$50 per child must be paid by all who do not wish to sell the mandatory two boxes of Morley Candy.) For more information, please call 734-955-6204.
- **Travel Baseball Tryouts** – The WaCo Wolves USA summer travel baseball team (age 16 and under) of the Little Caesar's Amateur Baseball Federation is holding tryouts at Bowen Field House (Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti) each Sunday until its roster is filled. For tryout times or other information, call 734-620-1050 or visit the team's Web site: <http://www.eteamz.com/WaCoWOLVESUSA>.
- **WSU Music Department To Hold Auditions** – The Department of Music at Wayne State University will be holding auditions for prospective music students from February 25 through March 1. All interested high-school or graduate students should contact the Music Department (313-577-1795) or visit its Web site ([www.music.wayne.edu](http://www.music.wayne.edu)) for information.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: March 20) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information about the club or its reading list, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Youtheatre Offers *Laura Ingalls Wilder: Growing Up on the Prairie*** – Youtheatre's Movin' Up Club (for children age seven and over) will present *Growing Up on the Prairie* on Saturday, March 16 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, March 17 (2 p.m.), at the Millennium Centre (15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$10 at the door. Group rates, birthday parties, season tickets, and drama workshops are available. For more information, call 248-557-PLAY (7529).
- **Youtheatre Offers *Ferdinand the Bull*** – Youtheatre's Wiggle Club (for children age three and over) will present *Ferdinand the Bull* on Saturday, March 23 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, March 24 (2 p.m.), at the Millennium Centre (15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$10 at the door. Group rates, birthday parties, season tickets, and drama workshops are available. For more information, call 248-557-PLAY (7529).
- **St. Paul Hosts Special Services** – St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend the following special services featuring Holy Communion: **Maundy Thursday** (March 28, 7 p.m.), **Good Friday** (March 29, 1 and 7 p.m.), and **Easter Sunday** (March 31, 6:30 and 10 a.m.). For more information, call the Church (734-753-9048).
- **Attention, All St. Aloysius Alumni!** St. Aloysius school is compiling a list of all former students for future reunion plans. Anyone who attended school there is asked to contact the school office (734-941-3340) for more information, or to obtain a form to complete and return.

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# RHS, RMS Students Earn First-division Ratings at S&E Festival



Romulus High School students earning first-division ratings at the recent District Solo and Ensemble Festival were (from left): Jazmine Bennett, LaShonda Windham, and Sarah Herbert – flute trio (Bennett and Herbert also received a "I" for a flute duet); Michael Sandusky – flute solo; and Jessica Shelton and Jennifer Shelton – flute and clarinet duet.

Four events from both Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School received the coveted first-division ratings at the recent District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Livonia High School.

Henry James, Band Director at the High School, and Mark Fernandez, Middle School Band Director, were pleased with the overall achievements of their students.

The Romulus High School events which earned a "I" rating at the festival were:

- Michael Sandusky (flute solo)
- Jessica Shelton and Jennifer Shelton (flute and clarinet duet)
- Jazmine Bennett and Sarah Herbert (flute duet)

- Jazmine Bennett, Sarah Herbert, and LaShonda Windham (flute trio).

Romulus Middle School events earning a first-division rating were:

- Megan Bearman and Jennifer Lammers (clarinet duet)
- Melissa Brewington and Amanda Kreutzer (clarinet duet)
- Megan Brooks and Jessica Mills (flute duet)
- Lindsay Green and Jessica Workman (flute duet).

James also took a moment to thank the students' parents for all their help.

"Their support and encouragement play a big part in our program's success," he explained.

Congratulations to all on their outstanding achievement. □



Romulus Middle School students Lindsay Green (left) and Jessica Workman got first-division ratings for their flute duet.



Megan Brooks (left) and Jessica Mills of Romulus Middle School earned a "I" with their flute duet.



Earning a "I" with their clarinet duet were Romulus Middle School students Jennifer Lammers (left) and Megan Bearman.

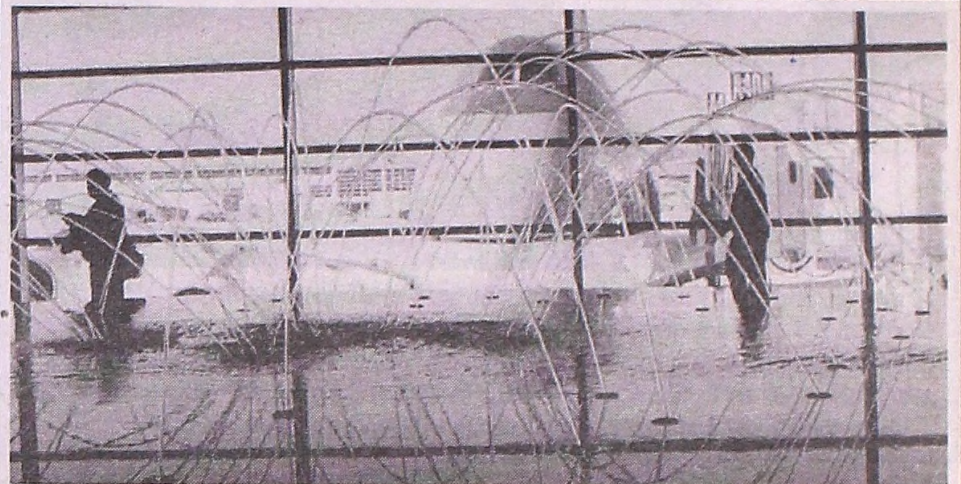


Amanda Kreutzer (left) and Melissa Brewington of Romulus Middle School earned a "I" with their clarinet duet.

# Terminal Opening



Among the displays set up for the enjoyment of visitors who attended the opening festivities for Detroit Metropolitan Airport's Edward McNamara Midfield Terminal was one that featured model airplanes.



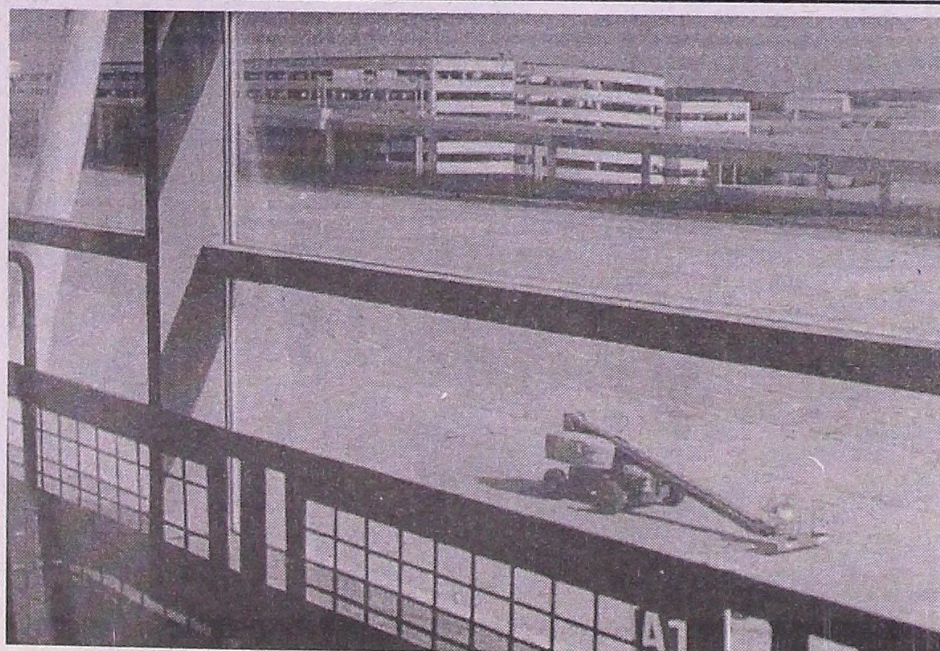
A black granite fountain – nearly 40 feet wide – serves as a focal point at the midpoint of Concourse A where it meets the center link. The changing speeds/colors of its water stream "emulate today's global travel."



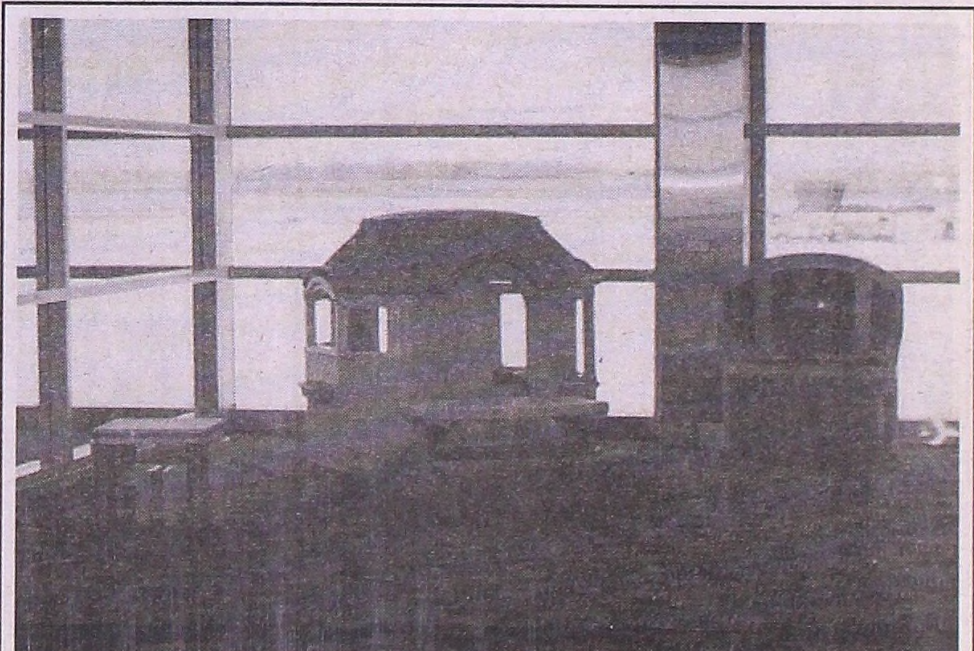
The Express Tram – a fully enclosed, automated people-mover – requires passengers to stand, but not for long. Maximum trip time is eight minutes.



A combination of escalators and moving walkways also help guests get to their destinations quickly and easily.



From the new terminal, you can look back to the top of the 10-story, 11,000-space parking structure, which features moving walkways.



There are even special accommodations – such as this playhouse area – for children.

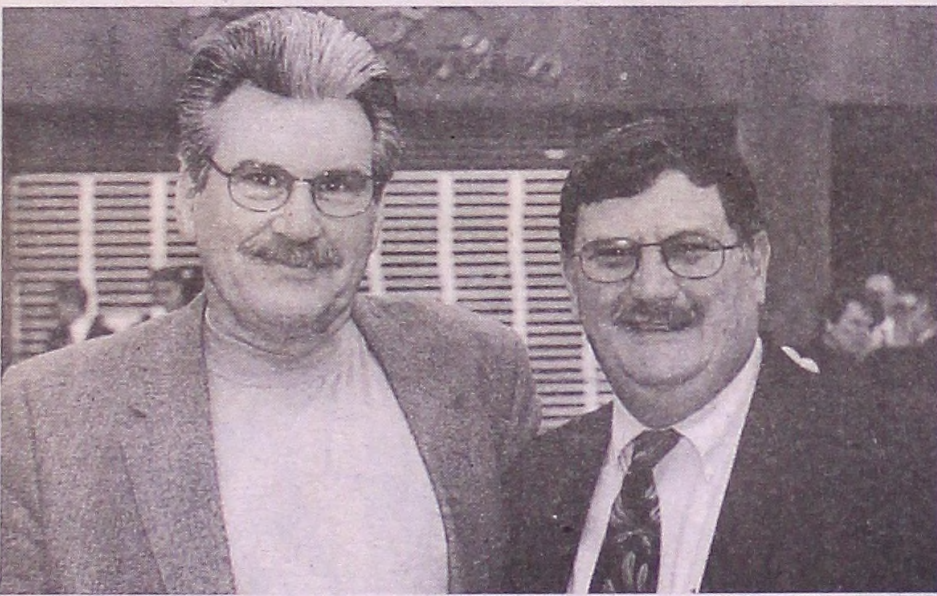
# Terminal Opening



Richard Anderson (left), Chairman of the Board of Northwest Airlines, and Ed McNamara (second from left), Wayne County Executive, present representatives of the United Way of Metropolitan Detroit with a \$450,000 check.



Romulus dignitaries joining U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan; second from right) at the opening ceremonies included (from left) Linda Choate, City Clerk, and Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce members Bill Crane, Barbara Ann Snyder, Oscar Rhoton, and Mark Lewkowicz.



State Representative Raymond Basham (D-Taylor/Romulus; left) and Romulus City Councilman Bill Crova talked local politics in front of the Midfield Terminal's new Brooks Brothers store, set to open soon.



Pamela Morrison-Kersey, Treasurer of the City of Romulus, and her husband Ronald enjoyed attending the charity fund-raiser that was one of the special events connected with the Midfield Terminal opening.



Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce members Oscar Rhoton (left) and Barbara Ann Snyder enjoyed visiting with State Representatives Basham (second from left) and Glenn Anderson (D-Westland).



Wayne County Prosecutor Michael Duggan (left) – who, as former Assistant County Executive, worked on the Midfield Terminal project for a number of years – enjoyed sharing McNamara's "special day" with him.

# B LACK HISTORY MONTH

During Black History Month, we're saluting the noteworthy accomplishments of African-Americans throughout our nation's history – from brilliant breakthrough inventions and staunch leadership to remarkable achievements in the arts and commercial successes – which have contributed so much to the fabric of our American culture.

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## Cory Celebrates Black History

On February 7, Cory Elementary kicked off a series of Thursday-evening programs celebrating Black History Month with a gala event called "Lift Every Voice And Sing." Organized by Parent Coordinator Rita Talley and the school's Parents That Care group, this unique program featured many outstanding vocal renditions as well as information about the songs' origins. Each featured vocalist discussed the particular songs that he/she performed, while Ellen Bragg, receptionist at the district's administrative office, gave a general overview of the history of African-American music.

Barth first-grade teacher Shila Brim and the Sunday School Community Choir began the program with several selections. Mistress of Ceremonies Felicia Norwood, a third-grade teacher at Cory, then introduced a variety of top-

notch vocalists including Clara Glosson, Carl Carleton, Romulus High School physical-education teacher Norbert Glover, and Bragg. She also introduced featured speaker Floyd Brooks, who recited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

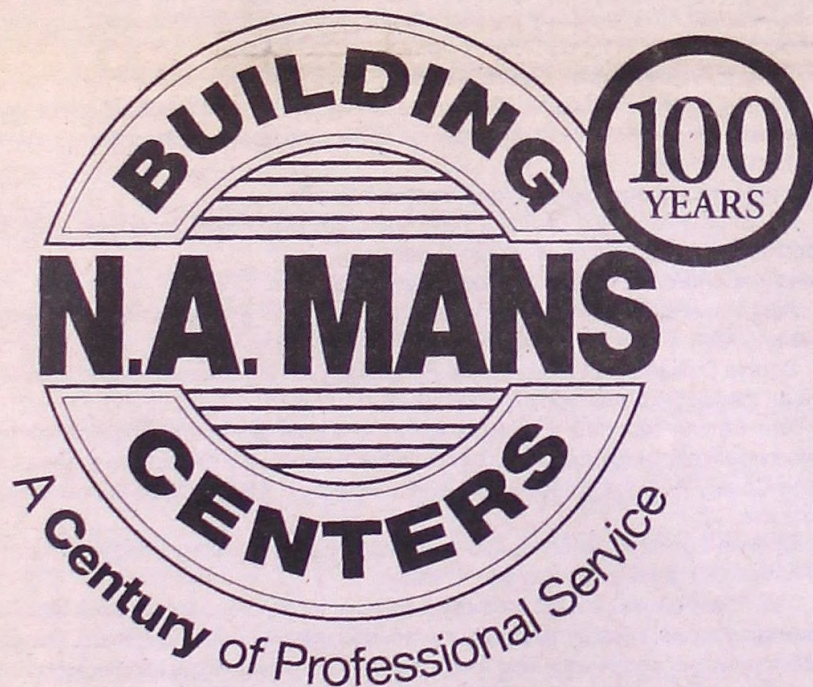
Guests were also treated to a series of handouts covering the backgrounds of many famous African-Americans. One dealt with the life of Carter Woodson, a Harvard graduate who established "Negro History Week" in 1926. Woodson was credited with awakening American Africans to their heritage through the publication of 16 books.

The evening ended with the participants and audience members joining hands in a circle and singing, "Lift Every Voice And Sing." The inspirational program left everyone in a joyous mood. □



Performers from the Sunday School Community Choir included (from left): front—Kaivon Barker, Tazhanee Willis, Imani Badon, Porsha Hawkins, and Leandre Talley; back—Director Shila Brim, Tina Williams, Lauren Fox, Ann Marie Austin, Kyla Barker, Leroy Talley, and Lamar Williams.

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Among the featured vocalists were Clara Glosson and Romulus High School physical-education teacher Norbert Glover.



Guests at the program included Marie Butler (left) and Romulus Housing Director Christine Anderson.

## RHS Students Honored for Academics

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School students whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on their school's honor roll list during the third card-marking period of the 2001-2002 school year.

### PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Students on the Principal's Honor Roll had a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 for this card-marking period.

#### Ninth Grade

Ashley Allen, Kristen Atchley, Janee Barnes, Shavon Bell, Jazmine Bennett, Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Kursha Bradford, Donald Brewer, Ronnie Brown, Allison Bruckner, Antoine Burrell, Teela Carroll, Justin Chapman, Anica Coate, Chrystal Coleman, Lauryn Farkas, Katie Hale, Paris Hawkins, Shamara Hill-Harris, Benjamin Hohman, Janet Johnson, Daniel Kinney, Mallori Losacco, Carolyn Moore, Antoinette Nelson, Casheena Parker, Candace Parsons, Philip Roscoe, Megan Scott, Sawaira Sheikh, Jennifer Shelton, Jessica Shelton, Shauntya Simon, Paul Stanford, Paulette Stanford, Matthew Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Anastasia Strother, Tiffany Sucharski, Kenise Thompson, Joann Tieppo, Natalie Watt, Brytni White, Sarah Williams, Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, Brian Woods, and Ashley Wright.

#### Tenth Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Deborah Anderson, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Rhiannon Crawford, Thomas Drayton, Latoya Flint, Jessica Frost, Randall Frye, Toni Gibson, Sabrina Gomes, Stephanie Gurner, Christina Hadden, Novella Haugabook, Jeremiah Hudson, Sarah Lindroth, Angela Lukas, Patrick McCollum, Rebecca Oros, Lajoya Orr, Kristina Rafalski, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Ryan Tackett, Iesha Taylor, Amy Thompson, Rebecca Thornton, and Jurbar Williams.

#### Eleventh Grade

Paul Adkins, Shannon Allen, Chris Anderson, Amanda Brewington, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Meghan Conway, Julia Deshazor, Brenda Finely, Sarah Gray, Rick Hadyniak, Megan Hatcher, Jamie Henne, Brad-

ley Hindman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Hilary Kozma, Alex Macfarlane, Jolene McBride, Andrew McNeil, Jesse Morris, Heather Patrick, Jesse Patterson, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Keona Riley, Clifford Smith, Miyon Smith, Jill Steffani, Bethany Swauger, Brandon Varga, and Jerry White.

#### Twelfth Grade

Chrystal Blair, Amy Bowman, David Boyd, Sarah Breeding, Larry Borwn, Elizabeth Caburet, Kelly Carroll, Leah Cotham, Kara Coughlin, David Cox, Cortney Daniels, Richard Davidson, Brandon Demoisey, Beonka Dreher, Stephanie Durtka, Deborah Fox, Jerome Gray, Sarah Hall, Ileena Hill, Deana Hunter, Justin Jackson, Kathrine Kortas, Gary Lee, Gena Lewis, Larry Lyons, Brandon Malott, Jasmine Mark, Andrea Marosan, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Albert Plocci, Antoinette Price, Lindsey Redding, Ashley Rodgers, John Schenavar, Kristen Singer, Melissa Smallwood, Nicholas Smith, Kenetra Warren, Carlen Weidemann, and Angela Zajac.

### HONOR ROLL

Students on the Honor Roll had a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49 for this card-marking period.

#### Ninth Grade

Phillip Adkins, Nichole Armstrong, Monika Burgess, Maurio Clark, Monica Cox, Jeremiah Cross, Derrick Dugan, Brittany Gregory, Crystal Hahn, Kevin Hamilton, Sierra Hicks, Ergys Hoxha, Jessica Hudgens, Ferris Jackson, Lucretia Johnson, Alyse Jones, Myleah Jones, James Kendrick, Stephanie Lewis, Johnathon McKinney, Jeremy McNulty, Leah Moore, Angelique Moss, Michelle Patterson, Dijon Piggee, Tiffany Smith, Jamie Suiter, Jeremy Thomason, Miah Wade, Adrian Watson, Danté Williams, and William Williams.

#### Tenth Grade

Darnell Anderson, Myles Bell, Cassie Caldwell, Ronald Coleman, Jerry Collier, Amanda Cooper, Christie Davis, James Davis, Jenessa Deshazor, Carissa Drobil, Tanya Formosa, Lauren

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## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 28, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 28, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Debbie Dick.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Merriman Elementary School students.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/02/13 Moved by McCraight supported by Frayer that the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The following corrections to the Minutes of January 14, 2002, are as noted: under Roll Call, Dick was present; and under Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings, member Berlinn abstained.

1/02/14 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2002, as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval:

Michael Mickevicius, Math Teacher, Community High School, Effective January 21, 2002.

FYI: Wendy Dubyak, Kindergarten Aide, Romulus Elementary School, Effective February 4, 2002; and Sherry Young, Special Education Para, Wick Elementary School, Effective January 16, 2002.

1/02/15 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board of Education approve the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

1/02/16 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bus Bidding - Upgrade of Bus Fleet

Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, gave the Board of Education a list of the vehicles in the district's bus fleet and identified several units that could or should be replaced. Item of information.

##### Curriculum Presentation - Social Studies

Messrs. Foley and Kidwell; Mesdames Moore, Webb, and McCabe; and a group of elementary-school students were present to update the Board of Education on the social-studies curriculum.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Ms. Sherri Hicks asked about a traffic flow study at the High School. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, stated that we would pursue it.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

April Frayer stated that she was most appreciative of the "homework help" information sheet to guide parents in helping their children with homework.

Debbie Dick thanked Kathy Hurst, Academic Service Learning Coordinator, for her work on the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

Ken Berlinn reported that he is going to attend a Federal Legislation Network Conference in Washington and also a Midwinter Conference in Lansing as a member of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) and the Romulus Board of Education.

Cheryle Buckley questioned our participation in a scholarship program for athletes who have a 3.5 grade point average or better.

The Board talked as a group about a wish list for the bond issue which included the following: windows, security, tennis courts, shed for maintenance equipment, bleachers at the Middle School and athletic field, football score board, sign at the Middle School, lighted signs, paving, and walking tracks at the elementary schools.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Halecreek Newsletter; 2) 21st Century Learning Center Classes; 3) Student Gallery; 4) Beauchamp - A Happy Story; and 5) Teacher Mini-Grant Awards.

##### Executive Session - Negotiations

1/02/17 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

1/02/18 Moved by Berlinn supported by McCraight that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

### At-home Substance-abuse Treatment Available at No or Low Cost

Often times, a person refuses or is unable to get help with a substance-abuse problem because of difficulties leaving the home – maybe due to medical problems or lack of transportation. To solve this problem, a new community-based in-home treatment service – provided by Hegira Programs, Inc., and paid for by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) – is available.

To be eligible for the new in-home service, the person with the substance-abuse problem must be at least 55 years of age, live in Wayne County outside the City of Detroit, have a substance-abuse problem, and demonstrate need for financial assistance to access treatment. Abused substances can include alcohol and/or prescription and other drugs.

Those who qualify for help will receive visits from a master's degree-level state-licensed or certified therapist who will complete an assessment and develop an individualized plan for services. In addition to individual treatment services, the therapist will explore other available community resources and, based on need, provide family counseling, too. (Confidentiality rights of those receiving treatment are protected by state and federal laws.)

For more information, contact the Romulus Help Center (a division of Hegira Programs, Inc.) at 734-942-7585.

### Free Tax Preparation

Now through April 10, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as those for homestead property taxes, home-heating credits, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment includes:

- W-2 forms,
- Unemployment Compensation statements,
- SSA-1099 interest/dividend statements,

- 1099R pensions/annuity statements,
- statements indicating income tax paid
- child-care information, and
- receipts and/or canceled checks (if itemizing deductions).

### Travel Show

The nice people from Corporate Travel will be at the Romulus Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, to present a travel show based on the following trips:

- **Chicago**  
(April 14; \$219);
- **Wisconsin Dells**  
(August 26–29; \$499); and
- **Caribbean Cruise**  
(November 29–December 7; \$999).

### Meijer Shopping

Seniors who lack other means of transportation for grocery shopping can ride the Romulus Senior Center's van, free of charge, to the Belleville Meijer store on Thursday, February 28. The van will depart at 12:30 p.m. and return at approximately 3 p.m. Sign up now.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Greektown Casino**  
(March 19; \$15);
- **Bay Mills**  
(April 1–2; \$119);
- **Da Untouchable Chicago**  
(April 14–15; \$209 triple occupancy/\$219 double/\$269 single);
- **Lion King – Toronto**  
(April 24–25; \$269); and
- **African Lion Safari**  
(August 22; \$75 adult/\$60 child).

### Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, February 25, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

### Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 1 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.). □

## The Stork Arrived

### Kaitlyn Nicole Henich

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Kaitlyn Nicole Henich, are Robert and Stacey Henich of Romulus, Michigan.

Kaitlyn was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2002, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and measuring 20½ inches.

Especially excited about the new arrival were big brothers Michael (age 8) and Ryan (age 6).

Kaitlyn's paternal grandparents are Robert R. Henich (New Hudson, MI) and Joyce Tagg (Romulus). Bernard and Barbara Sheldon (Romulus) are her maternal grandparents. □



Kaitlyn Nicole Henich

## RHS Students Honored for Academics

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Fox, Joseph Goroni, Terry Harper, Justin Heins, Danielle Hendricks, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Shaenna Kettlewell, Timothy Lewis, Jeremy Linderman, Patrick Miller, Jajuan Mosby, Ashley Much, Natasha Murray, Joseph Price, Lynsie Ransaw, Kristi Rice, David Rogala, Justin Rooding, Cilia Sanchez, Adrian Simmons, Jason Watson, Marvin Wheeler, Cherie Whorton, Jonathon Wilkerson, Princess Williams, Reese Williams, and Marissa Wilson.

### Eleventh Grade

Jacquelyn Anderson, Natasha Baldwin, Katie Bolus, Ryan Boyd, Laneisha Brown, Joseph Chisholm, Kelli Cholette, Jenia Cooper, Kimberly Cotton, Amanda Crosby, Sherri Davis, Raquel Dodds, Tiffany Dotson, Bret Fowler, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Melissa Holman, Curtis Jackson, Paris Jackson, John Jenkins, David Kinney, Crystal Koch, Natasha Lowe, Adam Malloy, Darrin Massey, Rhonda Matthews, Falcia Modzynski, Joshua Nichols, Adelina Piloci, Randy Polk, Derrick Robinson, Andrew Rodger, Jennifer Sattler, Briana Smith, Tiffany

Smith, Miqui Spencer, Chris Swantek, Laura Tanner, Dennis Thompson, Maurice Webb, Kareena Wells, Angela Williams, Scott Williams, Cassandra Wilson, Marrika Wise, Mark Woody, and Sammie Young.

### Twelfth Grade

Tiffany Ash, Amanda Bassett, Patrice Beasley, Nicole Bills, Shanell Bishop, Angela Bowdler, Rachel Broom, David Brown, Ebitari Burutolu, Jennifer Camilleri, Dominique Daniels, Ashley Fairbanks, Danielle Flint, Crystal Flood, Adam Gibbons, Rahila Haq, Jennifer Hardy, Brandy Hemmingway, Jeremy Hendricks, Brandon Hicks, Amanda Judy, Jenifer Kieszowski, Paul Krause, Brian Longre, Amelia McCray, Jazzmen Medley, Chris Moore, Steven Moore, Maida Mulaosmanovic, Tasha Mullins, John Nehila, Latoria Poole, Stephen Potoczek, Jillian Reno, Joysica Rogers, Michael Sandusky, Florjan Spahiu, Latonya Staple, Natisha Starnes, Nichole Starnes, Bridget Stephens, Melissa Thornton, Christina Tieppo, Nicole Vlodyka, and Chianta Wyatt.

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